

AGENDA

*National Institute of Mental Health
Division of Services and Intervention Research*

TREATMENT AS USUAL: MEASUREMENT, DESIGN AND ETHICS

**Neurosciences Center, Conference Room C
Rockville, Maryland**

Monday, November 4, 2002–Tuesday, November 5, 2002

Time

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8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Meeting Rationale Recent TAU Issues in Psychotherapy Research <i>Linda Street, Ph.D., Adult Psychotherapy Research, NIMH</i> Recent TAU Issues in Mental Health Services Research <i>Heather Ringeisen, Ph.D., Child and Adolescent Services Research, NIMH</i>
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Participant Introductions
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Panel 1: Measurement and Design Issues in Treatment Research <i>Facilitator: Serene Olin, Ph.D., Child Combined Treatment Research, NIMH</i> Research Case Study: Usual Care Comparisons in Primary Care Effectiveness Trials: The Case of Improving Care for Panic in Primary Care <i>Presenter: Peter Roy-Byrne, M.D., University of Washington</i> <i>Discussant: Kenneth Freeland, Ph.D., Washington University</i> Key Questions for Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When is using TAU as a comparator condition appropriate?• What is a meaningful or adequate measure of TAU (content and/or quality) when it is used as a comparison to an experimental treatment? What are key variables of interest in various settings?• What are the design and analysis implications of “enhanced” TAU?
10:45a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	BREAK

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Panel 2: Measurement and Design Issues in Services Research

Facilitator: Heather Ringeisen, Ph.D., Child and Ad Services Research, NIMH

Research Case Study: Integrating Evidence and Practice of Youth Psychotherapy

Presenter: Ann Garland, Ph.D. University of California, San Diego

Discussant: David Kolko, Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Western Psychiatric Institute

Key Questions for Discussion:

- How should TAU be measured within services research studies? How can measures of cultural relevance, provider characteristics and/or care context be incorporated?
- What types of services research questions are best answered by what level of analysis? How should diverse data sources be matched with various levels of analysis?
- How should community partnerships be built to facilitate research within TAU settings?
- What is the role of the researcher when study a TAU setting? Role of administrative staff? Consumers? Providers?

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

LUNCH

1:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Panel 3: Ethical Issues in Studying Treatment-as-Usual

Facilitator: Jane Pearson, Ph.D., Associate Director for Preventive Interventions, NIMH

Research Case Study: Ethical Dilemmas and TAU in late-life depression

Presenter: Martha Bruce, Ph.D., Weill Medical College, Cornell University

Discussant: Marion Secundy, Ph.D., Howard University

Key Questions for Discussion:

- What are special considerations when studying TAU within special populations?
- When are study investigators obligated to intervene within TAU conditions due to unethical care?
- What is the role of the researcher when studying TAU?
- How should provider consent be best handled? When is it necessary?
- What unique confidentiality concerns do TAU settings pose?

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Break-out Groups

Break-out group discussions should focus on specific research dilemmas faced by participants when studying TAU. Participants should come to the meeting with 1-2 examples ready for discussion. Conversations should be focused on measurement, design and ethical dilemmas. Discussions should be in preparation for the completion of “Points for Consideration” when studying TAU (see break-out groups on November 5).

Group 1: Treatment-specific issues

NSC Conference Room C

Facilitators: Serene Olin, Linda Street, Joel Sherrill, Jane Pearson

Group 2: Services-specific issues

NSC Director’s Conference Room (8th floor)

Facilitators: Heather Ringeisen, Carmen Moten, Karen Oliver, Bridget Lyons

6:30 p.m.

DINNER

Green Fields Churrascaria

1801 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD

Time

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Summary of 11/4 Discussions

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Break-out Groups: Points for Consideration in TAU studies

What are the key research questions for consideration? What designs are most relevant for various research questions? What types of measurement should be considered at each level of design? Are there ethical considerations specific to types of research questions?

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10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Finalize “Points for Consideration” (see attached sample grid)

11:30 a.m. – Noon

Meeting Wrap-Up



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